INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY GROUP

SUMMARY REPORT - MARCH 1974

HIGHLIGHTS: The activities of the ISSG during March 1974
were highlighted by the following:

1 ~~a.~~   ~~During the month~~ Coordination with the Office
of Joint Computer Support was completed on the proposed
Headquarters Regulation defining the computer security
responsibilities of the Office of Security, the Office
of Communications, computing components, and computer users.
~~Before the end of the month~~ It ~~was~~ submitted to the
Regulations Control Staff for Agency-wide coordination
and eventual authentication.

2 ~~b.~~   Early in March the ISSG participated with the
OJCS in the briefing of the CIA Management Committee on
the proposed Community Limited Access Intelligence Register
(CLAIRE) and the automation plans for Executive Registry
operations.   Following this briefing the ISSG developed
alternative approaches to the automation of Executive
Registry operations in order to provide the basis for a
security evaluation of protective measures that might be
implemented in view of the sensitivity of data associated
with these operations.

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4. ~~d.~~   On 13 March the USIB approved the Intelligence
Community Policy for the Release of Magnetic Storage Media,
as developed by the Computer Security Subcommittee. ~~under~~
~~the direction of the ISSG~~.   This policy document ~~now~~
spells out procedures permitting the declassification and
release from classified control of all types of magnetic
storage devices used for classified data, including both
computer media and magnetic tapes on which classified
audio material has been recorded.

5. ~~c.~~ ~~The ISSG during the month provided~~ Security guidance ~~to~~ the Office of Communications ~~with reference~~ on ~~to~~ its plans for special computer-assisted communications terminals at its signal centers throughout the world. This project scheduled for contractor bidding is a long range effort. ~~The~~ ISSG input ~~related to~~ concerned the security requirements for the terminals, ~~especially with reference~~ with special emphasis on ~~to~~ the need for their protecting ~~them~~ on when unattended.

6. ~~l.~~ ~~During March the ISSG supervised~~ The sanitization of a major OJCS computer system, from a security standpoint prior to its return to the manufacturer. This sanitization process involved the clearing of the system of classified residue, so that it might be released from continued security control.

7. ~~g.~~ Procedures were developed, ~~An~~ In support of the CIA Subsystem Manager for the Community On-Line Intelligence System (COINS), ~~procedures were developed by ISSG~~ for the implementation of an access listing for COINS computer terminals located in the Headquarters Building. This requirement ~~was~~ is based ~~predicated~~ on a Community agreement to exercise compartmentation and access control over individuals using the COINS network.

STATISTICS:

Cases Pending at Beginning of Month	- 57
Cases Opened During the Month	- 53
Cases Closed During the Month	- 56
Cases Pending at End of Month	- 54

ANALYSIS:

The ISSG work load for March stabilized at the higher February level as expected. The largest category of cases during March was inspections of proposed locations for remote computer terminals.

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TRENDS:

1. Continuation of the February and March work level through April is expected. No significant increase over that level is foreseen during the balance of the Fiscal Year.

2. The transfer of ADP support activities to the clerical staff was completed in late March. ~~As expected,~~ the clerical staff is performing these functions in excellent fashion and is enjoying the diversification of duties provided by this plan.